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22. An apparatus according to the method of claim 21 for moving at least one of a pair of opposing surfaces in response to an electrical activation comprising:

a support including a rigid non-flexing portion, at least one pivotable arm portion integrally extending from the rigid portion, at least one opposing surface connected to the at least one pivotable arm portion for movement relative to the rigid portion, and a force transfer member integrally extending from the rigid portion and operably positioned for driving the at least one pivotable arm portion in rotational movement; and

an actuator operably engaged between the rigid portion and the force transfer member for driving the force transfer member relative to the rigid portion to pivot the at least one pivotable arm portion in response to an electrical activation of the actuator.

Please add the following new claims:

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23. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
an adjustable screw connected to the rigid portion and engagable with the actuator for preloading the actuator with compressive force against the force transfer member.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
at least one hinge portion extending integrally at an angle from the force transfer member to the at least one pivotable arm for pivoting the arm.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a rigid non-flexing seat integrally formed on the force transfer member;
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the actuator operably engaged between the rigid portion of the support and the rigid seat of the force transfer member for driving the rigid non-flexing seat of the force transfer member relative to the rigid portion of the support to pivot the at least one pivotable arm in response to an electrical activation of the actuator.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

a pair of hinge portions, one hinge portion integrally extending between the force transfer member and the arm and another hinge portion integrally extending between the rigid portion of the support and the at least one pivotable arm, the pair of hinge portions extending parallel and in close proximity with respect to one another.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

adjustable means for preloading the actuator positioned between the rigid portion and the force transfer member, the adjustable preloading means operable for imparting a predefined compressive force on the actuator.
